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IN RE APPLICATION OF :

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SIR:

Prior to a first examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

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*A1*

1. (Amended) Bag provided with a deformable flexible wall, designed to contain a product of liquid to pasty consistency, which is intended to be dispensed by a manual jet metering pump of the type without air renewal, to be placed over an area of opening of said bag and to be arranged, in cooperation with the latter, to ensure that the product it contains is kept permanently air-sealed or appreciably air-sealed, said bag equipped with its pump, furthermore to be able to be introduced and protected in an outer casing to form a packaging and dispensing unit for said product, characterized in that said bag presents, in proximity to its opening, at least one area rendered rigid by a thickening of its wall, and containing

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